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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 2858

Serial No.: 08/838,452

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Title: TEST APPARATUS FOR TESTING

SEMICONDUCTOR DICE INCLUDING SUBSTRATE WITH PENETRATION LIMITING CONTACTS FOR MAKING

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

(AS AMENDED)

Attorney Docket No.: 91-62.17

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH CPA APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d) November 18, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX CPA Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

In response to the final Office Action dated August 18, 1999 having a statutory period for response set to expire on November 18, 1999, please amend the captioned case as follows:

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